

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 SANTIA 12246 302102Z
ACTION ORM-02

INFO OCT-01 ARA-06 ISO-00 DHA-02 INSE-00 SY-05 L-03
CIAE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 VO-03 SCA-01 FBIE-00 SS-15
NSC-05 IO-13 /063 W
-----310704Z 036492 /10

R 302019Z DEC 76
FM AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO
TO AMEMBASSY ASUNCION
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 2811

C O N F I D E N T I A L SANTIAGO 12246

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM, SREF, PFOR, PA, CI
SUBJ: RICARDO GAMILA VERGARA'S REQUEST FOR ASYLUM

REF: A) ASUNCION 5318 B) SANTIAGO 12075 C) ASUNCION 5277
D) STATE 312026

1. EMBASSY CONTINUES TO ENCOUNTER DIFFICULTY IN VERIFYING
ACCOUNT OF RICARDO IGNACIO GOMILA VERGARA (REFS A, B AND C).

2. A) WITH REGARD TO GOMILA'S STATEMENTS THAT "UNION
PARA LA LIBERACION NACIONAL" DISTRIBUTED PAMPHLETS TITLED
"CARTA A CHILE" OR "CARTA A LA CIUDADANIA," EMBASSY HAS
NOT PICKED UP SUCH DOCUMENTS.

B) WE HAVE CHECKED WITH LEADING HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZA-
TION OPERATING IN SANTIAGO AND FIND IT HAS NO RECORD OF
THE DETENTION OF "JUAN ITURRA"; OTHER CHECKS ALSO NEGATIVE.

C) WE ARE STILL UNABLE TO IDENTIFY SANTANDER ON THE
BASIS OF THE INFORMATION GOMILA HAS PROVIDED.

D) WE HAVE CHECKED WITH DEA'S LOCAL OFFICE, OUR
HEADLINE LOG AND CLIPPING FILES AND FIND NO REPORTS OF A
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 SANTIA 12246 302102Z

CONFRONTATION AS REPORTED BY GOMILA ANY TIME BETWEEN
MAY AND SEPTEMBER. SANTIAGO 7979 REPORTS A HIGHLY
PUBLICIZED ENCOUNTER WHICH THE GOC OPENLY ATTRIBUTED
TO EXTREMISTS.

E) OUR CHECKS WITH THE LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION

REVELS THAT NO ONE BY THE NAME NAULIN ROJAS (INCLUDING
LIKELY VARIATIONS) WAS DETAINED AFTER THE 1973 COUP.

F) THERE ARE MANY LOUIS GONZALEZES LISTED AS DETAINED
IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION'S FILES, BUT MANY ARE FROM
OUTSIDE SANTIAGO OR ARE THE WRONG AGE. ONE LUIS GONZALEZ
DISAPPEARED ON SEPTEMBER 18, 1973, AND MAY HAVE BEEN EXECUTED.

G) THE SANTIAGO PEACE CORPS OFFICE MAINTAINS EMPLOYMENT
RECORDS BACK TO 1968. IT HAS NO RECORD OF EMPLOYING ANYONE NAMED
TIRADO.

3. COMMENT: THE EMBASSY'S INABILITY TO CONFIRM THE INFOR-
MATION PUT FORWARD BY GOMILA SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS
CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE THAT GOMILA IS DISSEMBLING. THE
POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT GOMILA'S COLLABORATORS USED FALSE
NAMES OR GAVE MISLEADING INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR BACKGROUNDS
TO PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM SECURITY FORCES. THAT THE EMBASSY HAS
NOT LOCATED ANY OF THE FLIERS REPORTEDLY PRODUCED BY THE GROUP
IS ALSO UNDERSTANDABLE. AND A CONFRONTATION AS DESCRIBED BY
GOMILA COULD HAVE OCCURRED WITHOUT COMING TO OUR ATTENTION.
NEVERTHELESS, THE EMBASSY URGES CAUTION IN ACCEPTING GOMILA'S
ACCOUNTS AT FACE VALUE.

4. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO REPEAT THIS MESSAGE AND REFS A AND B
TO GENEVA FOR ITS BACKGROUND.
POPPER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: POLITICAL ASYLUM
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 30 DEC 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: saccheem
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976SANTIA12246
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D770001-0241
From: SANTIAGO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t1976123/aaaaackb.tel
Line Count: 88
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ORM
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 ASUNCION 5318, 77 SANTIAGO 12075, 77 ASUNCION 5277
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: saccheem
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 17 MAY 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <17 MAY 2004 by woolflhd>; APPROVED <02 SEP 2004 by saccheem>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: RICARDO GAMILA VERGARA'S REQUEST FOR ASYLUM
TAGS: SHUM, SREF, PFOR, PA, CI, (GAMILA VERGARA, RICARDO)
To: ASUNCION
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006